

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

March 23, 2022

Bridget M. McCormack,
Chief Justice

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Brian K. Zahra
David F. Viviano
Richard H. Bernstein
Elizabeth T. Clement
Megan K. Cavanagh
Elizabeth M. Welch,
Justices

CINDY SCHAAF, COLLEEN M. FRYER, and
GWEN MASON,
Plaintiffs/
Counterdefendants-Appellees,

v

SC: 163404
COA: 343630
Antrim CC: 2016-009008-CH

CHARLENE FORBES, a/k/a ANGIE FORBES,
Defendant/
Counterplaintiff-Appellant.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the July 1, 2021 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered, and it is GRANTED. The parties shall include among the issues to be briefed: (1) whether the circuit court was vested with subject matter jurisdiction of the plaintiffs' complaint, which sought a determination of interests in the subject property and partition, see MCL 700.1302; MCL 700.1303; (2) whether Michigan law allows a trust to hold title to real property as a joint tenant with right of survivorship; and (3) whether the deeds in dispute in this case were valid insofar as they granted the trustee of a trust a life estate in the real property as a joint tenant with right of survivorship. The time allowed for oral argument shall be 20 minutes for each side. MCR 7.314(B)(1).


The Real Property Law and Probate & Estate Planning Sections of the State Bar of Michigan are invited to file briefs amicus curiae. Other persons or groups interested in the determination of the issues presented in this case may move the Court for permission to file briefs amicus curiae.



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I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

March 23, 2022


Clerk